Amendments to the Abstract

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-- In a home network (1), a wide variety of devices (2, 3, 4, 5) are interlinked so that they can exchange data among one another. Such home networks (1) also often have a connection to an external network (10). If an individual device of the home network wishes to obtain data from the external network (10), it requires comprehensive hardware and software for searching for and processing the data. The hardware and software must be able to read the different data formats and formats for describing the data contents which are used by providers (11, 12) in the external network (10). According to the invention, it is provided that a module (6) of the home network (1) performs this search task for the other devices (2, 3, 4) and establishes connection with the external network (10) via a connecting device (5). After finding data sought, it makes the data available to the inquiring device (2, 3, 4) in a format that can be read by the latter. --